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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)
THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: Army Financial Contribution to NPIC

1. In our recent conversation concerning construction funding [redacted] you stated that the Army contribution might well be increased from the \$500,000 pledged to approximately \$900,000. I understood that your position was based upon the fact that Army will occupy 36,000 sq. ft. of space for departmental purposes and, based upon a figure of about 250,000 sq. ft. of usable space, the Army pro rata share would approximate \$900,000.

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2. I have considered your proposal carefully and for the following reasons would advise against any move to increase the Army pledge of \$500,000:

a. The Army has already pledged a considerable sum toward construction costs while the other services have pledged nothing and, though Army stands to acquire more space than the other services, I have ascertained that the Army will not favorably receive and act upon your proposal. I believe the pro rata cost against the 250,000 usable space figure versus the 400,000 gross figure is open to alternate interpretation and if the gross figure were used, the Army pledge of \$500,000 nearly covers the "tax".

b. The Army contribution to the Center should not be measured in terms of a cash payment alone. Certainly the personnel and equipment inputs are justly considered by the Army as material evidence of Center support. In these regards, the Army has specifically declared that their personnel will be made available for Center work (in excess of the matching service figure of 25) upon call. Their equipment will also be committed to Center endeavors in the main and very positively will augment the Center's exploitation potential.

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c. At this time the Army has on hand and under order over \$1,600,000 worth of equipment, all of which will go to [] if desirable. Much of this equipment is of considerable interest to us and by agreement with the Army, it will be appropriately located with like CIA equipment in common laboratory space. Were the Army not to co-locate its departmental facility in [] we would have to acquire additional equipment to replace Army items, numerous of which are currently subject to common use.

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3. In view of the foregoing considerations, I strongly recommend that no action be taken to increase the Army contribution of \$500,000.

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Executive Director

National Photographic Interpretation Center

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